

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PCT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Corning Incorporated

: RESPONSE TO WRITTEN  
OPINION

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For: TANTALA DOPED WAVEGUIDE AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Written Opinion dated 21 September 2000, applicant, in accord with PCT Rule 66.3, asks that the following amendment be entered and considered before issue of the Preliminary Examination Report.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

17. (amended) A glass for use in the core of an optical waveguide fiber comprising:  
SiO<sub>2</sub>; and,

by weight on an oxide basis after consolidation, between about 2% non-crystallized Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> to 5% non-crystallized Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, wherein the attenuation of said optical waveguide fiber at 1550 nm is less than 0.25 dB/km.

Please cancel claim 23.